

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED SETTLEMENT
TENTATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY ORDER**

for
RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
RANCHO MURIETA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
SACRAMENTO COUNTY

This Notice announces the proposed settlement of Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R5-2007-0503, the terms of which are set forth in a tentative Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Order. The tentative ACL Order proposes to assess Rancho Murieta Community Services District ("Discharger") an administrative civil liability in the amount of \$200,000. Alternatively, the Discharger may satisfy the Order by (1) paying an administrative civil liability of \$100,000 and (2) by completing a Supplemental Environmental Project at a minimum cost to the Discharger of \$100,000. The project consists of monitoring the Cosumnes River to determine the effectiveness of Chinook salmon restoration efforts, and will be performed by the Fishery Foundation of California in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game. If any of the \$100,000 is not expended within one year of approval of the SEP, the Discharger must pay the outstanding amount unless the project timeline is extended by the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board.

This Notice also announces the beginning of a 30-day public review period for the proposed settlement. Comments on the proposed settlement must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board **no later than 5:00 p.m. on 10 September 2007.**

Rancho Murieta Community Services District is the owner and operator of the wastewater treatment facility in Rancho Murieta, Sacramento County. The Discharger operates the wastewater treatment facility pursuant to Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 5-01-124. Cease and Desist Order (CDO) No. R5-2006-0001 was adopted on 26 January 2006 to address inadequate wastewater storage and disposal capacity at the RMCSO wastewater treatment facility and other compliance issues. On 22 February 2007, the Central Valley Regional Water Board's Executive Officer issued Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R5-2007-0503 for certain violations of the WDRs and CDO. As described in the ACL Complaint, the Discharger violated the WDRs and CDO by discharging waste to surface water drainage courses in violation of California Water Code section 13376, violating the pond freeboard requirements, and exceeding influent flow limitations.

Following issuance of the ACL Complaint, the Discharger and the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board conferred for the purpose of settling this matter. After arm's length negotiations, the parties agreed to a proposed settlement of the administrative civil liability matter for the full amount proposed in the ACL Complaint (\$200,000). Under the proposed settlement, the Discharger may comply with this Order by completing the \$100,000 Supplemental Environmental Project (described above) and paying an administrative civil

liability of \$100,000 (\$50,000 to the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account and \$50,000 to the Waste Discharge Permit Fund).

The Discharger has expressed its desire to settle the matter and willingness to waive its right to a hearing on Administrative Civil Liability Complaint No. R5-2007-0503.

As required by the Clean Water Act, the public has an opportunity to comment on the tentative settlement prior to the Executive Officer's determination about whether to approve the settlement. A copy of the settlement documents and the files concerning the enforcement action are available at the Regional Water Board offices. The settlement documents are also posted on the Regional Water Board's website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/. You may contact Anne Olson to arrange to review the files.

Written comments on the settlement must be received by the Regional Water Board no **later than 5:00 p.m. on 10 September 2007**. Comments should be directed to:

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Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Jack E. Del Conte, Assistant Executive Officer

Date: 10 August 2007